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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Madeleine Fuqua of Waukegan, who passed away on July 31, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Madeleine Fuqua was born May 18, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan and was a lifelong Waukegan resident; she graduated from Waukegan Township High School and attended the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin and ultimately received her degree from Lake Forest College; and

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WHEREAS, She was a Republican Precinct Committeeman for 16 years and also on the Lake County Regional Planning Commission for 10 years; she was President of the Waukegan YWCA from 1952 to 1954, a member of the chapter of Waukegan League of Women Voters, a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, a member of the Lake County Urban League Guild, a member of the Waukegan Housing Authority, Vice Chair of the Lake County First Governmental Study Commission, co-chair of the Lake County Committee for the Equal Rights Amendment, and was appointed by former Illinois Governor James Thompson to the Illinois Martin Luther King Commission; and

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WHEREAS, She was a community activist; she was also a member of the Waukegan Garden Club, a volunteer at the Chicago

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1 Botanical Garden, a potter, a photographer, and an expert  
2 marksman; she loved playing bridge with her friends and  
3 traveling, especially to Africa; she was a founding member of  
4 the Waukegan Community Players and founding member of the  
5 Waukegan Green Town Gardens; she was a fundraiser for the  
6 Waukegan Symphony Orchestra; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1949 she married her childhood sweetheart,  
8 Ellis Fuqua, raising 2 children; she tended home and hearth,  
9 and carpooled woodwind quintets and rifle teams to  
10 competitions; and

11 WHEREAS, Madeleine Fuqua was preceded in death by her  
12 parents, Albert Mackey and Madeleine Givens Mackey; her  
13 husband, Ellis E. Fuqua; her daughter, Nancy Fuqua Erkkila; her  
14 son-in-law, John Erkkilla; and her grandchildren, Thomas J. and  
15 Anne Claire; and

16 WHEREAS, Madeleine Fuqua is survived by her son, Terry  
17 Fuqua and daughter-in-law, Gudrun; her grandchildren, Kristin  
18 and Erik; her brothers, Bill and Tom Mackey; and her sister,  
19 Roberta Mackey Rigger; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 her family and friends, the passing of Madeleine Fuqua; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Madeleine Fuqua as a symbol of our  
4 sincere sympathy.